From: PSC Public Comment
To: "Joey Roberts"

Subject: RE: CASE # 2024-00337 Wood Duck Solar Application

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025 8:23:00 AM

Case No. 2024-00337

Thank you for your comments on the application of Wood Duck Solar LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2024-00337, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at View Case Filings for: 2024-00337 (ky.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Joey Roberts

Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 4:45 AM

**To:** PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: CASE # 2024-00337 Wood Duck Solar Application



ATTN: Linda Birdwell, Executive Director,

Attached are my comments on the Wood Duck Solar, LLC Application, Case # 2024-00337 for consideration by the Commission and inclusion in the official record.

Please confirm satisfactory receipt. Thanks!

J. W. Roberts

Smiths Grove, KY 42171

**TO:** Kentucky Public Service Commission

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RE: CASE # 2024-00337 Wood Duck Solar, LLC

DATE: October 1, 2025

**FROM:** J. W. Roberts

Smiths Grove, KY 42171

ATTN: Linda C. Bridwell, Executive Director,

In accordance with instructions found on the Kentucky Public Service Commission website, I hereby submit the following comments in opposition to the "APPLICATION OF WOOD DUCK SOLAR LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 100 MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY AND NONREGULATED TRANSMISSION LINE IN BARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO 278.700 AND 807 KAR 5:110".

As a citizen of the United States of America, long-term permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, property owner, and taxpayer, I oppose this project and request that the Commission deny this application for the following reasons:

- This proposed solar panel electric power generation project that would be spread over 2,300 acres on 27 non-contiguous plots of current farmland and woodlands is totally inappropriate for this area, inconsistent with current land use, inadequately planned, and ill advised under present Federal policies.
- Project "Applicant" has failed to provide proper avenues for public involvement, and has been unresponsive to many requests for additional information both from the general public and governmental agencies.
- Barren County Fiscal Court and its various County regulatory agencies have been unable
  or unwilling to conduct any semblance of an authoritative public review process, and has
  issued "approvals" that are completely inconsistent with the reality of the proposed
  project without obtaining full disclosure from the applicant.
- The Applicant has failed to provide adequate evidence that this project is actually viable from a financing and economic benefits standpoint.

- Claims of local job generation and tax proceeds are not consistent with the application itself and other supporting documentation.
- The application fails to address many legitimate concerns about potential negative environmental impacts (i.e. Inevitable release of toxic metals and chemical compounds) that have been expressed in comments submitted to the Commission by individuals and other governmental entities.
- In particular, the Applicant has failed to properly address concerns about negative impacts to the Mammoth Cave National Park underground karst drainage basin and its sensitive threatened and endangered species of cave biota that were expressed by the Park Superintendent.
- The application fails to account for the potential of catastrophic solar panel damage and failure due to storms with high winds and hail that would release high levels of comminants into the local surface and groundwater system. Such an event would place area residents and farmers that rely on these resources in jeopardy of their health and livelihoods along with elimination of downstream wildlife.
- In fact, to date there has been no realistic effort made by the Applicant or governmental authorities to evaluate the costs versus benefits of the proposed project, leaving the public in the dark as to whether this project is worthwhile overall.
- The so called "public hearing" officiated by Commission representatives on July 15, 2025
  in Glasgow, KY was conducted prior to the Applicant laying their cards on the table at a
  full Public Hearing before the Commission; therefore, the public could not make fully
  informed comments of opposition or obtain answers to valid questions.
- Applicant has yet to fully address concerns about decommissioning and removal of solar panels and other project equipment at the end of its useful life or in the likely event of financial bankruptcy and abandonment by the operational partner due to lack of realistic financial projections.

Given the aforementioned inadequacies of the project application as submitted to the Commission and consequent inability of the public to be fully and properly informed and to obtain answers to relevant questions, I hereby recommend and request that the Commission summarily deny this faulty Application or alternatively delay any action until the Applicant submits to a full and open public hearing in Barren County at which convenient time and place substantive answers to questions are provided.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these concerns and comments!

Sincerely,

J. W. Roberts

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